

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing information to a radio appliance playing audio content broadcast by a radio station, comprising the steps of:

receiving radio waves broadcast by the radio station at the radio appliance, the radio waves comprising the audio content;

receiving a user-generated request for information about the audio content from the radio appliance;

receiving information from the radio appliance indicating the identity of the audio content;

accessing a database that contains the user-requested information; and
delivering the user-requested information to the radio appliance.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user-generated request for information, the audio program identity information, and the user-requested information are delivered through the Internet.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information indicating the identity of the audio content consists of a unique radio appliance identifier and an indicator used to identify the radio station.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information indicating the identity of the audio content consists of a unique radio appliance identifier and a digitized form of the audio content.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the requested information are details of a musical work.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the details of a musical work include the identity of a musical work and the title of a CD that contains the musical work.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the details of a musical work include purchasing information about the musical work.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the audio content is an advertisement that encourages the listener to engage in a commercial transaction; and
the requested information is details about the commercial transaction.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the details about the commercial transaction include product details.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the details about the commercial transaction includes information about completing the commercial transaction.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving a request to complete the commercial transaction encouraged by the advertisement.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving information indicating the identity of the audio content is done frequently enough to identify all the audio content being played on the radio appliance.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of receiving information indicating when the radio appliance has its volume adjusted.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of receiving information indicating when the radio appliance is tuned to a different broadcast station.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of receiving information indicating when the radio appliance is turned off.

16. (Currently Amended) An appliance, comprising:
a radio for receiving and decoding AM/FM radio waves to play audio content broadcast by radio stations;
user controls to request information about the audio content in response to a user-generated request.

17. (Original) The appliance of Claim 16, further comprising a communications device that transmits data about the information requested within the user controls.

18. (Original) The appliance of Claim 17, wherein the audio content is a musical work.

19. (Original) The appliance of Claim 17, wherein the audio content is an advertisement.

20. (Original) The appliance of Claim 17, wherein the user controls can be used to complete a commercial transaction.

21. (Original) The appliance of Claim 17, wherein:
the audio content is an advertisement that encourages the listener to engage in a commercial transaction; and

the user controls can be used to complete the commercial transaction encouraged by the advertisement.

22. (Previously Presented) An appliance, comprising:

a radio for receiving and decoding radio waves to play audio programs broadcast by radio stations, the radio having features that include adjustable volume, and radio frequency tuning;

user controls to access the features and to request information about the audio programs in response to a user-generated request; and

a communications device that transmits data indicating which features were accessed with the user controls.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the radio waves are AM/FM radio waves.